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Honorable John F. Keenan United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007



Re: <u>United States v. Lawrence McAfee</u>

Dear Judge Keenan:

I was appointed by the Court on February 28, 2018, to represent defendant Lawrence McAfee pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006. I write at the Court's direction, following a conference held on June 2, 2021, to respectfully move for authorization to retain the services of Pierre Sussman, Esq., an attorney whose practice has centered on representing psychiatric patients in Mental Health Law proceedings under Article 9 and Guardianship proceedings under Article 81. Mr. Sussman was referred to me by Julie Fernandez, Esq., whose name I provided at the conference last week. I wish to retain Mr. Sussman in an advisory capacity to assist in determining what steps can be taken in New York State to tend to my client's significant and disabling psychiatric needs. I request that Mr. Sussman be compensated at a reduced hourly rate of \$300.00, provided that fees in this case for such services will not exceed \$3,500.00, without further application to this Court.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court authorize me to retain Mr. Sussman to assist me in preparing for the next conference scheduled for June 30, 2021.

I thank the Court for its attention to this request.

Defendant's request to retain Pierre Sussman at an hourly rate of \$300, not to exceed \$3,500 total fees for Mr. Sussman's services, is GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

June 8, 2021

John F. Keenan

United States District Judge